

RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

FOR THE

Reduction of the price of public lands in the great Miami reserve.

MARCH 31, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION for the reduction of the price of public lands in the great Miami reserve to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to actual settlers.

Whereas, in the opinion of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, it is the true policy of the government of the United States to deal out equal and exact justice to all men:

And whereas it has heretofore been the uniform practice of the general government to grant pre-emptions at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to all settlers on the public domain, except in the last act of Congress granting pre-emptions to settlers on the Miami National Reserve at two dollars per acre:

And whereas there is nothing either in the situation or quality of those lands to warrant this unjust and unequal distinction, particularly when the settlers are confined in making their pre-emption to fourth rate lands, and the other three qualities, first, second, and third, being either reserved by the Indians, or selected and sold by the State for internal improvement purposes: and as this late law granting pre-emptions operates unequally, unjustly, and oppressively to a large, enterprising, and meritorious class of our fellow-citizens: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to procure, if possible, the reduction of the price of public lands to actual settlers in the Miami Reserve to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

Be it further resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution immediately to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
PARIS C. DUNNING,
President of the Senate.

Approved December 16, 1847.

JAMES WHITCOMB.

